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Letter dated 25 August 1992 from the Permanent Representative of China to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

Upon instructions from my Government, I have the honour to draw your attention to the letter dated 17 August 1992 from the Chargé d'affaires a.i. of the Permanent Mission of Solomon Islands addressed to you on behalf of Australia, the Federated States of Micronesia, Fiji, the Marshall Islands, New Zealand, Papua New Guinea, Samoa, Solomon Islands and Vanuatu, requesting the circulation of the Final Communiqué of the twenty-third South Pacific Forum as an official document of the General Assembly, which was issued on 20 August 1992 (A/47/391).

In paragraph 54 of the annex to the above-mentioned letter, there appears the designation "Taiwan/Republic of China". This runs counter to the letter and spirit of General Assembly resolution 2758 (XXVI) adopted on 25 October 1971. Hence, the appearance of such a designation in United Nations documents is totally inadmissible. We cannot but express our deep regret. I hereby wish to reaffirm that there is only one China in the world, that is the People's Republic of China. Taiwan is an inalienable part of the territory of the People's Republic of China. The Government of the People's Republic of China strongly opposes any kind of official relations with the authorities in Taiwan on the part of countries having diplomatic relations with China.

I would appreciate it if you could circulate the text of the present letter as an official document of the General Assembly under agenda items 15 (a), 18, 32, 44, 60, 62, 71, 78, 79, 80, 81, 83, 92, 93, 94, 95, 96 and 101.

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